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SUBJECT: VISIT BY TEAM CONCERNING STUDY OF COCA
CONSUMPTION

1. AS A FOLLOWUP TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSION BETWEEN EMBASSY
AND WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED A TEAM TO CONDUCT
A SITE VISIT TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE STUDY OF COCA
CONSUMPTION, INCLUDING HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COM-
PONENTS.

2. THE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF AN ANTHROPOLOGIST, DR. WILLIAM
CARTER, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES,
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AT GAINESVILLE; DR. WILLIAM COGGINS
OF THE NIDA COSTA RICAN STUDY, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AT
GAINESVILLE, AND DR. JEAN PAUL SMITH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, NIDA. DR. CARTER IS AN
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ANTHROPOLOGIST WHO HAS CARRIED OUT FIELD WORK IN BOLIVIA

AND DIRECTED DRUG STUDIES IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. HE SPEAKS SPANISH FLUENTLY. DR. COGGINS IS A PHYSICIAN WHO HAS STUDIED THE EFFECTS OF PSYCHOACTIVE PLANT MATERIALS. DR. SMITH WILL PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LINK BETWEEN NIDA, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE EMBASSY, AND THE TEAM OF CONSULTANTS.

3. PROPOSED DATES FOR THE VISIT ARE JUNE 29 TO JULY 5. ASSUME THAT TEAM CAN USE JULY 4 TO ADVANTAGE IN MEETING WITH BOLIVIANS AND THIS NOT HARDSHIP ON POST DUE TO HOLIDAY. PERSONS SUGGESTED BY THE TEAM FOR THEIR CONTACTS ARE: THE AMBASSADOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, AID MISSION REPRESENTATIVE, NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, DEA REPRESENTATIVE, AND OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUALS AS THE SCIENCE ATTACHE, COMMERCIAL OFFICER, AND HOSPITAL OFFICIALS. AMONG THE BOLIVIAN COMMUNITY: APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRIES OF HEALTH AND AGRICULTURE, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF ETHNOLOGY AND LEADERS OF INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS. ANY OTHER PERSONS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT INDIAN COCA USE PRACTICES OR BUSINESSMEN KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT COMMERCIAL ASPECTS WOULD BE VALUABLE. ALSO, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE DESIGN AND PROGRESS OF THE CROP SUBSTITUTION STUDY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH PROJECT LEADERS.

5. HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR TWO SINGLE ROOMS (CARTER AND COGGINS) AT THE LA PAZ HOTEL REQUESTED FOR NIGHTS OF JUNE 28 TO JULY 5; ALSO, ONE SINGLE (SMITH) FOR JUNE 29 TO JULY 5.

6. DRS. CARTER AND COGGINS WILL ARRIVE FROM SAN JOSE ON SATURDAY; DR. SMITH FROM WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE ON ARRIVAL NOT NECESSARY.

7. TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION. PART-TIME INTERPRETER ASSISTANCE FOR COGGINS AND SMITH WOULD BE HELPFUL. KISSINGER

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